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Local Matters.

Freemen's Courtesies.

Two companies of the Bristol fire department, the Hydrants, Capt. E. C. Sparks and the King Phillips, Capt. Card, accompanied by the Bristol Brass Band, Prof. E. K. Phillips, leader, made an excursion to Newport on Thursday in the steamer *Cannibis* which was chartered for the occasion. They were met at the wharf by the Hellenic Veteran Fire Association No. 7, Nathaniel Wilson Foreman, accompanied by the Newport Band, Prof. Mathers, leader. After an exchange of courtesies the line of march was taken up and the visitors escorted through most of the streets of Newport, where they were shown the beauties of the old town. At shortly after one o'clock the procession halted at Eugen Room No. 7, where a beautiful collation was provided under the direction of Mr. Thomas Williams.

Accompanying the visiting firemen were Messrs. Isaac F. Williams, President, G. T. Hornsby, W. T. C. Wardwell and Wm. H. Spooner, town Council of Bristol. Chief Engineer Rounds, Col. Eddy of Gov. Bourne's staff, Herbert H. Bennett, town clerk, Ex-Chief Engineers Howard Manchester, R. M. Lincoln and several other prominent gentlemen of the good old town of Bristol. These gentlemen were taken in charge by Mayor Franklin, Gen. Burdick, and the Newport City Council and escorted in carriages around the city. Gen. Burdick kept open house and received the whole party in a royal manner.

After the collation General Burdick called upon various gentlemen of the visiting delegation and a few Newport gentlemen who made brief remarks, after which the guests were again shown the city and surroundings taking among other sights the British flag ship *Northampton*, and the Ocean drive. At 6 o'clock they again assembled at the engine house and were escorted by most of the fire department to their boat where they embarked for Bristol.

Death of Capt. Thomas J. Lee.

Capt. Thomas J. Lee, after suffering from paralysis for two years or more, although able to upon the street during the time, died at the residence of his son, Christopher M. Lee, Esq., on Thursday last, at the age of 63 years.

Capt. Lee in his early manhood took to a sea-faring life, and by dint of perseverance he reached the position of "master-mariner in the then popular whaling service, and once commanded the barque *Platina*, of Westport, from 1850 to 1853; the barque *Domingo*, of New Bedford, from October 1853, 1857, until she was condemned at Payta, Peru, Jan. 1st, 1862, and our other vessel. He was a worthy and respected citizen, and will be kindly remembered by all who knew him in life.

His illness dated from the death of his brother, Capt. Samuel Lee (one of the State's Pilot Commissioners at the time), to whom he was greatly attached, and whose death undoubtedly brought on the attack that caused his death. The funeral will take place at the residence of his son, No. 38 Franklin-st., Sept. 7th, at 12:30, P. M.

Tally-ho Coaching.

The parade of tally-ho coaches Monday afternoon was a very interesting feature in the social events of the week. The line composed of eleven coaches, formed on Narragansett avenue, and shortly after 12 o'clock started on its pilgrimage to "Oakland," Hon. August Belmont's estate in Portsmouth, where a clam dinner was served. They returned shortly after four o'clock and attended the Westchester club grounds. President Arthur occupied a seat on the driver's box of the foremost coach which was driven by Hon. August Belmont. The other coaches were driven by Colonel George R. Fearing, Mr. R. Rives, Mr. H. O. Fritch, Mr. E. N. Padelord, Mr. J. J. Van Alen, Mr. Isaac Bell, Jr., Mr. E. D. Morgan, Mr. E. O. Iselin, Mr. James Gordon Bennett and Prof. Fairman Rogers.

Death of William Moffit.

William Moffit died at his residence on Clark street on Friday night of last week, in the 31st year of his age. He was the only son of Godfrey Moffit, and was thoroughly well liked and respected by all who knew him. Messrs. Swinburne, Peckham & Co., steam mill, where he was the efficient foreman of the finishing department, shut down until after the funeral which was solemnized from his late residence Monday afternoon, Rev. Frank Woods Baker officiating. His late fellow-workmen attended the services in a body and among the many floral offerings was a large pillow bearing the inscription, "Our Shopmate." The Newport Artillery Company, of which the deceased was a former member, was also represented at the funeral.

Alderman H. A. Kaull, had a tumor cut out of his side on Thursday, by Drs. Rankin, J. S. Branson, and Gardner, of Providence. The operation was successfully performed, and it is hoped that his recovery will be speedy.

Mr. Marshall O. Roberts and family, of New York, are at the Ocean House.

COM. BENNETT'S HOSPITALITY.

A Brilliant Entertainment.

Commodore James Gordon Bennett's elegant summer residence, on Bellevue avenue, opposite the Casino, was the scene, Wednesday evening, of the most brilliant entertainment ever given in Newport. It was a dinner party, and over five hundred guests, representing the cream of Newport summer society.

The grounds, which are extensive and elegantly laid out, lie principally at the rear of the house, and are shaded with shade and ornamental trees, beneath which winding paths lead to lawn chairs, settees, and other comforts in abundance. Suspended from the tree tops were numerous electric lights which illuminated the entire lawn, bringing out in sharp relief the shadows of handsome statues, numerous canopied pavilions, and of the myriad moving figures of the guests.

A tent, 60x100 feet, has been erected a little to the north of the grounds, and was attached to the rear entrance of the house by a covered way lined with plants and flowers, and elegantly carpeted. The tent itself was red and white striped, and the two poles supporting it were transformed into pillars of red and white roses, at the top of each of which were stuck the flags of the New York Yacht Club, and of the yacht *Namouna*, with the commodore's colors in the centre. The flooring was perfect for dancing, it having been twice smoothed down after being laid. At each end of the tent was a sort of alcove, about 10x20 feet, shut off from the rest proper by a wall of plants and flowers. Lander's orchestra occupied one of these alcoves, and the Germanus band the other. The tent was lighted with calcium lights, and the walls were lined with tropical plants of all kinds. Directly opposite the main entrance was a pyramid of two tons of ice. Behind this burned several calcium lights, which showed through and presented a most brilliant effect. This unique decoration was guarded on two sides by huge palms, lined for the occasion by Harry Stevens. The entrance to the tent was hung with the English and American ensigns, in compliment to Admiral Commerell, of the British navy and Luce, of the United States navy.

The guests began to arrive about half past nine o'clock, and from that time until after midnight the announcement of new comers was constant. Between 500 and 600 guests were present.

Dancing began about 11 o'clock. The German was led by H. LeGrand Cannon, with Miss Frick, of Baltimore. There were seventy-five couples in the cotillion. The favors were blue satin ribbons, with the three flags spoken of above embroidered on them in bows, with silver pins on which was engraved "September 3"; silver lace pins for the ladies and an owl for the button-hole for the gentlemen. A novel feature in the German was the many-colored toy balloons, which were attached to the gentleman's button-holes and allowed to float in mid-air.

All the ladies were in domino until 12:30, when supper was announced. The table for the most distinguished guests was spread in the piazza overlooking the lawn. At this table were seated President Arthur, Mr. Bennett, Lady Commerell, Mr. August Belmont, Mr. E. D. Morgan, Hon. Mr. Herbert, Miss A. Commerell, Viscount Joicey, Mrs. Padelord, Mr. H. LeGrand Cannon, Miss Frick, Mr. George Brinquet, Mrs. Hallyer, Mrs. Ogden Goelet, Sir Edward Commerell, and Mrs. Attorney General Brewster. President Arthur seated Lady Commerell to this table. The other guests were seated at other tables, which were tastefully arranged under the various tents scattered about the lawn. The floral decorations for the tables were elegant, the centre piece on that in the piazza measuring nearly four feet in diameter, and representing the various flags already mentioned. Besides the two orchestras in the ball tent, there was one stationed on the lawn. Though awnings stretched across the premises in front, completely shut out this scene from the gaze of the outsiders, the arena was crowded with citizens, watching the guests arrive, listening to the excellent music, and hoping against hope for a chance to see within.

The entire work of decorating, illuminating and arranging this magnificent entertainment was under the personal management of Mr. H. LeGrand Cannon, whose exquisite taste in such matters has won him a wide reputation. He was ably assisted in the work by Col. Lander, Mr. Klundor, Mr. H. W. Cozzens, and others.

POLO AT THE RINK.

The Bay States Defeat the old Newports Three to One.

"An Honest Debt Never Outlawed."

Reading the account of the Services a few weeks ago at the R. C. church as given in the "Mercury" brought to mind an incident connected with the building of the first R. C. church on Mt. Vernon St. in this city, not generally known.

The exterior of that church building was built by some of their number and not having been done in a thorough manner was the cause of its unsafe condition in so short a time after it was built.

The late Robt. W. Hammett contracted to finish the building inside and when completed received a note in part payment for the amount agreed upon, and as you remarked the church was not then as prosperous as now. The note was neglected and as the years went on was outlawed. Some time after that Mr. Hammett having business in Fall River met the Rev. Mr. Corr who inquired if the note had been paid. Mr. H. said no, and besides the note he outlawed. The Rev. Gentleman remarked, "outlawed." An honest debt outlawed with an honest man and a Christian? I never heard of such a thing. It shall be paid," said it.

In this day when fifty cents (or less) is so often to pass for a dollar in paying one's debts I thought it best that it should be known what a Catholic priest thought of the same fifty years ago.

Fifty members of May Queen Lodge, K. and L. H. of Providence, including guests made a moonlight excursion to Newport yesterday evening. They were received by a committee from Berkely Lodge and escorted to the Hall in the Gas Light Block, where they were pleasantly entertained until one o'clock yesterday morning. The local lodge then escorted them in body to their hotel.

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CITY COUNCIL.

A Short Session with Little Business.—A Short Lot for Third Ward Engine House and Ward-Room Authorized.

The regular meeting of the City Council for September was held Tuesday evening with all members of both branches present.

The report of the Finance committee was read and received and its recommendation the following bills were ordered paid from the several appropriations:

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| City Attorney | \$ 980.00 |
| Streets and Highways | 5,621.72 |
| Sewers | 310.75 |
| Paupers and Vagrants | 89.50 |
| Public Schools | 1,400.00 |
| Fire Department | 100.00 |
| Watch and Police | 1,032.21 |
| Lighting Streets | 1,021.02 |
| Books and Printing | 77.50 |
| New Engine House | 2,000.00 |
| Watering Streets | 832.25 |
| Salaries | 774.49 |
| Burial grounds | 55.73 |
| Water Supply | 2,500.00 |
| Review of House of Offal | 402.91 |
| Coggeshall Burial ground fund | 5.00 |
| Dog fund | 12.00 |
| Incidentals | 611.67 |
| Total | \$22,753.46 |

The quarterly report of the City Engineer, giving a detailed account of the work accomplished on sewers and at the new outlet, was read and received, and the monthly report of the street commissioner, recommending that about seven hundred square feet of the asphalt on Thames street, at the foot of Mary street, be taken up and granite blocking substituted, was referred to the committee on Streets and Highways.

The Joint Special Committee, appointed for the purpose, reported that the number of graves on Cudmore's Harbor Island requiring stones were from 20 to 25, and offered a resolution authorizing the erection of not more than 25 grave stones at a cost not to exceed \$6 each. The resolution passed.

The committee appointed to procure a lot of land in the third ward for a new engine house and ward room, reported, recommending the purchase of the Charles J. Bateman lot on Mill street, containing about 2,000 square feet, at a cost of \$500. Alderman Laughey thought \$1.50 per foot, for the land exorbitant and that a suitable lot might be got for less money, but a resolution authorizing the purchase of this lot at a cost not to exceed \$500 was passed.

Officer W. P. Denman was granted a ten days' leave of absence without any deduction from his wages.

The salaries of Mayor and City Treasurer for the year were placed at \$1,000 and \$1,200 respectively, which is the same as previously paid.

It was voted that the inmates from the city stable should go to the use of the city Aylah.

Petitions for one street light on Coggeshall avenue, two on Friendship street and two electric lights on Poplar street were received and referred to the committee on gas and gas.

W. A. Barker was excused from paying the ten per cent penalty, amounting to \$2.80, on his non-paid carburetor tax.

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The petition of George Engs, H. C. Riley and David King, Jr., (trustee), for the remittance of certain taxes, were received and referred to the Assessors of Taxes, and the tax assessed against J. H. Williams, was ordered charged to the estate.

A resolution was passed authorizing Harbor Master W. E. Townsend to purchase a new sail for his boat at a cost not to exceed \$30.

The petition of James B. Gordon, representing his estate, 251 Spring street had been considerably damaged by the overflow of the Levin Street sewer and asking that the trouble be remedied, was received and referred to the Highway committee.

City Treasurer, D. M. Coggeshall was given the power of attorney to sign for the continuance of the charter of the National Bank of Commerce of New York to 1905.

Liquor licences were granted to Richard Melville, John M. Lynch, F. P. Garrison and James M. Mead. The applications of Thos. Murphy and Michael Sullivan were received and entered at three times and that of John J. Shea was laid on the table.

As an editor the Journal was naturally engaged in manufacturing in Coventry with his brother, the late General James G. Anthony. This business was not successful and in 1857 it shamed the reverse which pervaded business generally over the country. At this time, the conduct of Governor Anthony was such as to greatly increase his claims upon the popular consideration and in 1858 he was elected to the Senate of the United States after a very sharp contest in which Ex-Governor Hopper was his adversary, and to this high office he was elected five times in succession.

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As an editor he clearly comprehended the rights and duties of his office. He understood the requirements of the industrial interests of New England, of which Providence is as much entitled as any place to be called the centre, and it was his laudable ambition to make his paper a leading advocate and organ of these interests. He thought clearly, and selected with rapidity the words which would best convey his thoughts to his readers exactly as they existed in his own mind, and in the most expressive manner.

There was no misunderstanding what he wrote. His style of writing was direct, clear and forcible, incisive by no means of verbiage and his sentences needed no interpreter. When he entered the Senate he had no superior, in New England at least, in writing effective editorial paragraphs, and, it may be well doubted, though his senatorial career has been exceptionally correct and creditable, whether he continued in his profession his fame as an editor would not have been as desirable as it is as a senator.

As a politician Governor Anthony stood by his party, if he wished to improve upon its policy his efforts to that end were made within and not without the party. While he adhered with undivided fidelity to his convictions of duty he treated his opponents with a generous justice while that treatment was duly appreciated, and when it was not, he was yet just, but when injustice was done to him or to the cause he upheld, he could be, and sometimes was, severe upon his adversaries, but not until he had great provocation to retaliate for what had been done to him or to his cause. Governor Anthony was a gentleman in public as well as in private life, and always treated those with whom he associated as became a gentleman, and without doing anything to wound their sensibilities. He won the respect and regard of his opponents by tempering the expression of his convictions with evidences of good nature which conciliated rather than repelled them.

The secret of Governor Anthony's influence in the Senate was the natural outcome of his character, which prevented him from ever promoting the passage of any measure which he believed to be prejudicial to the public interest. In the Senate he never made the most of himself, because he always underrated his own capabilities in comparing them with those of his more aggressive associates. The Congressional debates contain ample evidence that when he was sufficiently pressed he developed a power of statement, logic and resource equal to any emergency he encountered, and on some occasions he manifested an intellectual force which would have been creditable to the foremost men in the Senate.

Gov. Anthony was sincerely attached to the State and its institutions and to the State left no duty unperformed and the State left no honor to him unbestowed. He was a man of agreeable and even of fascinating manners, mindful of all the proprieties of life and well calculated to impress all of whom with whom he was brought into close relations, always respectful in his hearing, never obtrusive, full of conversational resources, endowed with a rich fund of pleasing anecdotes al-

Henry B. Anthony.

Henry B. Anthony was a lineal descendant of John Anthony, who came from Lancashire, near London, in 1634 to America in the Huguenots, and was embraced in the Huguenot church, and died there July 21st, 1675, aged 63. The ancestors of Governor Anthony accepted the religious tenets of the Friends. His father was William Anthony and his mother, a daughter of James Greene of Warwick. Governor Anthony was born in Coventry, April 1, 1816, and died in Providence, Sept. 2, 1881. He was graduated from Brown University in the class of 1838. After

Poetry.

Question.

BY ELIOT C. THUR.

When you are old, and I am old,
And Passion's fire are burned to embers,
And life as a tale that's told,
And only worth what Love remembers.
If we should meet—two quiet folk—
And change opinions of the weather,
Could words look again provoke
The heart and eyes to speak together—
The heart bestricken with so much aches,
The eyes bestricken with so much crying?
Do buds long blighted ever break,
And green the vine already dying?
What band of skill shall draw the line
'Twixt bold love and bold passion?
What art shall fix the unfailing sign,
And bring its reader into fashion?
What is the meaning of it all,
The bethinking woe, the vaunted sweet-
ness,
If dark Oblivion's night shall fall
Forever on its incompleteness?
When you are dead, and I am dead,
Our faces lost, our names unspoken,
Shall then the my story be read?
Can Heaven bind what Earth has broken?
In clearer light and fairer day,
With finer sense the impulse proving,
Dispersed of this blighting day,
Oh, what must be the joy of loving!

Eight O'clock.

TO KATHIE B.

Softly the shades of darkness are stealing
And the clouds over the horizon rise.
The beautiful sunset we see to the west
Will subdue and depart before our eyes.
How the heart of the maiden is beating,
As she stands by the old rustic gate
And counts the soft happy moments,
Aa a century, she watches till eight.
'Tis the hour her Austin is coming,
And his promise to her he will keep.
Already he comes up the roadway,
With joy her young heart doth leap.
It is down by the mill they are going,
And the joys of their youth will relate,
For the love of one equals the other,
Their young hearts are united ayeight,
Down the path in their old rustic village
Amid the fragrance of roses they stroll,
Wistfully smiles her sweet face is beaming.
ing.
For true love lies deep in her soul.
Her Austin brings joy to her soul,
When away from his side she's sad.
How she welcomes the hour of meeting,
Every night when the clock strikes eight.
J. T. Cutham. June 27th 1884.

Selected Tale.

THE WIDOW FIDECCA.

"Have you ever worn a collar spiked by time and the laundress?" asked Amy, my fidus Achates, as he and I were one day strolling leisurely through the park. "a collar which made you?"

"As chary of turning the head as a dove of bending the knee? I can't say I have ever worn one exactly. I have had one on occasionally, for a brief space."

"What is your opinion?" continued Amy, with apparent inconsequence, "of a woman who will ask?"

"Questions? Find me one who doesn't, and I'll tell you what I think of her."

"No alone questions, Amyleen—Deeds, man—favor—kindness—services—small and great!"

"Reasonable and unreasonable, in season and out of season, I suppose you mean," put in I, too impatient to wait his explanation, for I had quenched, as usual, what he was aiming at more quickly than he, slow old fellow that he is, could express it. "I see the point of your comparison, and I think it is a deuced pity we can't dispose of one annoyance as readily as of the other. If our collar irritates the cuticle, we may tear it off and chuck it away. If a fellow-man disturbs our equanimity, we can curse him and hustle him aside. In either case we enjoy a blissful sense of relief, not unmixed with self-approval. But let a woman be the destroyer of our nerves or comfort, and no matter how savage the mood into which she compels us, any effort we make to put her down, be she never so deserving of a snub, leaves us with an uncomfortable suspicion of our own brutality, even more harassing than the original annoyance to which she subjected us. A man has no defence against such a woman, as the one you mean, Amy. I know who you were thinking of—your friend Fidecca, the widow. There is but one way for you to escape the infliction of that woman's ceaseless demand. A void her. But you seem utterly unable to do that, my friend. You have as good as confessed that she irritates you. Yet she hasn't a more willing slave, apparently, than yourself. Has she been victimizing you again lately?"

"Ah, no; not exactly that. What she asked me to do wasn't so far out of the way. It wouldn't have mattered, you know, if that infernal parrot had been less vicious and if those cursed old women hadn't been on the spot to report the affair as even more ridiculous than it really was."

"This is interesting, Amy. The last parrot story! Let's have it, old fellow, without delay."

"Well, you see, I dropped in on Fidecca the other afternoon, at a most inopportune moment, as it proved."

She was moving. Leaving the Macdonald House and going to housekeeping. She has a parrot. Thinks the world of it. Was afraid to trust it!"

"To the expressman, I see. So she asked you to carry it through the streets on your finger, from the Macdonald House to her new place of abode. How many miles did it prove?"

"Not on my finger, Amyleen," he said, ignoring my question. "It had a nice stand to which it was chained.

After a block or two I found it rather heavy, and it was an awkward thing to carry, so I got into a passing dummy. I put it on the step beside me, clutched it tight with the left hand."

"What, the parrot?"
"Hang it, not! How stupid you are. The stand—the perch—with the parrot upon it! Well, just as the bird began to flap its wings and scream like mad, drawing after us all the boys in creation, who should come around the corner but old Mother Bunch and Mother Carey."

"The biggest old goseips in town. Did they see you?"

"Hang them, yes. How could they help it, though? That green devil was making noise enough to rouse the city. I had to bow to the old witches, and just as I was in the act of rousing my hat, something seized my left upper arm. I thought for an instant it was the conductor."

"Introducing a newly invented method of eliciting ear flares. Hallo! Was it the parrot?"

"It was the parrot. It had buried its beak in my arm, and was twisting and turning it in the flesh. My coat was a new one. Torn flesh heals, but torn cloth does not. Scars are irreparable; scars are disreputable. A patch on my skin I could endure, but one on my coat-sleeve, never. But of a sudden the stand upon which I had let go my hold toppled over into the street and dragged away the parrot by its chain. The boys set up a howl of delight, while the old women stood still, taking in every detail, and more besides. I jumped off to pick up my chain, and found it a crushed and lifeless green mass upon the car track. De jilt it that it was, it seemed to have fluttered under the wheels simply to crown my discomfiture. Any decent bird would have flown clear of the rails. If I didn't look a fool as I stood there clutching my arm and gazing upon the wreck, I shall never do so to my dying day."

I was deeply interested.
"Does this lad's soup often get burned?" I asked.

"I didn't venture to. I went downtown, got a parrot as like the dead devil as one pea to another, and sent it with a new perch up to the house. It got there before Fidecca arrived, and she would never have discovered the difference if old Mother Bunch hadn't called upon her to console.—Then she sent for me, tragically requested me to remove the alien bird and wept over the memory of her lost pet. But I told you, Amyleen, she was good-hearted with all her faults. When I described to her the bird—"

"She wanted to send you a new coat?"

"She forgave me, consented to keep the bird—"

"And borrowed \$20 upon the strength of her pardon. Satisfactory final."

"I never told you that, Amyleen. How on earth—"

"I remember your telling me that you had lost \$20 about that time, as a reason for not going out of town for the Fourth. Giving, friend Amy, is one of the luxuries of life. But just as soon as generously suffers coercion it ceases to be a gratification to give. No man would relish an enforced diet of pate de foie gras, yet it's a luxury fit for the gods. To be asked for a man by one who, on principle, never repays it, is perhaps the most trying form of compulsory gift. The borrower evades the stigma of beggling, while the lender wholly misses the credit of giving. I think, Amy, I would rather avoid a more intimate acquaintance with your fair friend."

"I am sorry to hear you say so, for I promised to call upon her next Sunday, and I relied upon your accompaniment. But let a woman be the destroyer of our nerves or comfort, and no matter how savage the mood into which she compels us, any effort we make to put her down, be she never so deserving of a snub, leaves us with an uncomfortable suspicion of our own brutality, even more harassing than the original annoyance to which she subjected us. A man has no defence against such a woman, as the one you mean, Amy. I know who you were thinking of—your friend Fidecca, the widow. There is but one way for you to escape the infliction of that woman's ceaseless demand. A void her. But you seem utterly unable to do that, my friend. You have as good as confessed that she irritates you. Yet she hasn't a more willing slave, apparently, than yourself. Has she been victimizing you again lately?"

"About a week later I encountered Fidecca one morning early, upon Kearny street. I did not recognize her until she spoke to me, for she was thickly veiled.

"Ah, I am so glad to have met you," she said excitedly. "I am in such a dilemma, and I could not bear to speak of it to any one. I—I want so much to know—perhaps you could tell me, and I don't mind so much speaking of it to you—what Uncle Harry would be likely to give me for this?"

She opened her hand wide enough to show me a glimpse of a tiny, blue-enameled watch. "I was afraid they might insult me if I asked for more than I should."

"What do you want money for?" It was a rude, blunt question, and I put it harshly; but old bachelor friends are privileged to be rude and blunt, and I was annoyed to think that Fidecca's influence might be telling upon her.

Some ice-cream makers use glue to give greater firmness to the congealed compound. Glue may not be unwholesome, but somehow its use is not pleasantly suggestive.

A bachelor so greatly admired the way in which the housekeeper prepared the coffee, that he proposed and was accepted, only to find that the coffee was made by the servant girl.

one of whose inveterate and inconsiderate habit of asking favors I had heard much and experienced a little. Two items that told strongly in her favor with me were her kind manner to Oriana and her evident ability as a housekeeper and hostess.

Amy faintly beamed under the influence of the tidbits she had slipped on to her plate and the smiles she lavished upon him. The sherry was incomparable, and I confess her solicitude in keeping my glass in a trimming state had a most mellowing effect upon my hull.

"What have you spent your money upon?"

She was silent. A new inspiration struck me.

"You didn't spend it all. You lent it. It was borrowed from you by—"

"Ah, hush!" she cried. "I didn't want you to know that. Please don't tell it to any one. She really is so good-hearted, and she has been so kind to me. She has given me so many presents. Still—"

"Still you would rather be out of her house and home again. You are right. It is no place for you, let her be as kind and generous as she may."

The next day I saw the child off home, without, however, calling in the aid of Uncle Harry.

When Oriana was gone I set about maturing a scheme I had formed. It was Quixotic, perhaps, but I thought possible cure for a fault like Fidecca's in one whom, despite her idiosyncrasy, few could help liking, was worth the trouble of trying to effect. I called upon a carefully chosen number of her most intimate friends whom I could trust, I hoped, not to betray me. They entered con amore into my plan. Simultaneously they all began to borrow from her. And she lent to them as unquestioningly as she had borrowed from them, showing no reluctance to grant all their requests, though they ran the gamut from a lace scarf to a bucket of coal, taking in even the gas globes and door keys. Those in the secret derived no little amusement in comparing notes and consulting as to what out-of-the-way article they should ask for next. The thing grew more and more exciting as the days went by.

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The Connecticut Democrats have nominated Ex-Governor Waller for re-election.

The Republicans and Democrats in Massachusetts having held their State Conventions we now wait to hear from Butler and his party.

St. John proposes to stick. It was reported that the prohibition ticket has to retire from the field. This is declared to be incorrect. It is a harmless ticket and might as well be in the field as out.

The Republicans of Massachusetts have nominated the Ex-President of Williams College, Mark Hopkins, and Ex-Governor Talbot as the Presidential electors at large from that State. These men are chosen by our independent friends with the rift.

Now that there is a vacancy in the United States Senate from this state there will probably be a lively race among the politicians for the position. There will be numerous candidates. The Governor will doubtless call an extra session of the General Assembly at an early date to fill the vacancy.

Vermont as usual went Republican on Tuesday, the majority being about 23,000. Enough for all practical purposes. Our Democratic friends will hardly claim that state this year. Now for Maine. She votes next Monday and is expected to give the Republican ticket a two-thirds majority.

The Massachusetts Republicans met in Tremont Temple Boston, on Wednesday and renominated the excellent State ticket, of the present year, for re-election in November. Governor Robinson has made one of the best governors Massachusetts ever had, and deserves as he will receive, a re-election.

The New York Aldermen by almost a unanimous vote gave a company permission to build a surface railway through Broadway. Another company offered a million dollars for the privilege. The mayor vetoed the bill, but the Aldermen passed it over the veto, and now the Court has granted an injunction restraining the company from building the road.

The New York *Herald* intimates that Secretary Chandler wishes to raise the Tallapoosa in order to save his chest in which it claims is the bargain between Butler and Chandler that the former will defeat Cleveland in November. That does not agree with Democratic statements generally which claim that Butler is hurting the Republicans more than the Democratic party.

The Republicans of New Hampshire have held their State Convention and nominated the Hon. Moody Currier of Manchester for Governor. Mr. Currier is a gentleman 78 years old, but is apparently as able to perform the duties of the office to which he will be elected as most men at fifty. The committee was very unanimous and unanimous.

The *Herald* is now engaged in the laudable enterprise of interviewing the colored people of the country on the Presidential question. It finds them all for Blaine and Logan. Perhaps after it gets through with the colored voters it will take up the foreign born citizens. It will probably then be surprised to learn that that class of voters are nearly as unanimous for the same ticket.

The contest for the U. S. Senatorship in New Hampshire, it is said, will be between Senator Blair, the present incumbent, and Secretary Chandler of the Navy, with the chances in favor of the former. Secretary Chandler has been an aspirant for that office from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

The outlook for Republican success in Virginia is said to have greatly improved. Blaine and the old line Republicans have come to an understanding. Five of the Electoral College will come from that wing of the party and all propose to work together in harmony. This being the case the majority of votes of the old dominion will probably be cast for Blaine and Logan.

The Democratic annex which holds forth in Bryer's building seems to be trying to sail under false colors. They have hung out a flag labeled "Republican and Independent" headquarters. Such a statement is, as it probably was intended to be, misleading, but is in keeping with all the acts of this bigoted party. The use of the name Republican is probably made to trap those who might think it the regular Republican headquarters.

The Indianapolis *Sentinel* makes a lame excuse for its libel on Mr. Blaine and his family. The attorneys for the defense claim (1) that the description of Blaine in the alleged libelous publication was not sufficiently specific and might have referred to some other Blaine; (2) that the publication was in the nature of an inquiry; (3) that the article was not libelous in itself; and (4) that Blaine in order to recover, must sue for special damages. Such a defense virtually admits the guilt of the accused and puts the paper guilty of such vile slanders in a most unenviable light before the public.

Our Democratic friends in this State are taking time by the forelock. Usually they hold their conventions a week or two after the Republicans. This year they held their convention and put forth a full ticket more than a month before the Republicans got ready for action. Their convention was held in Providence, Wednesday and the Hon. Ziba O. Slocum of Providence nominated for Congress in this district, and Hon. Chas. H. Paige of Slaton in the second district. Their Presidential electors are Hon. G. S. Bradley, Joseph L. Brown and Isaac Bell Jr. The fourth man is to be an independent.

The Tallapoosa.

The wreck of the Tallapoosa has been examined by divers Duncan, Phillips and Nickerson of lighter Oak, and engaged on the City of Columbus wreck. The examination was made under the direction of Captain L. F. Baker of Boston Tugboat Company, and Captain Moses B. Tower, wreckmaster, of Boston. The U. S. steamer Nina, Lieutenant Commander Hitchcock, here under orders from the Navy Department, was also on the ground. All three divers descended to the wreck, and a thorough examination was made. They report the break in the hull to be eighteen feet long, and on top cut into the deck seven and a half feet. The cut extends downward some eighteen or twenty feet to the sand in which the steamer is becoming imbedded. The top of the upper works of the mainmast is gone, hatchway coverings and awnings gone, the entrances to saloons all blocked up with floating debris, and the head of the foremast gone entirely. Captain Tower is of the opinion that it will cost a large sum to raise the ship. Careful search was made for bodies, but none were found. No attempt was made to save any cargo. Only an examination was intended. A tumbler belonging to the steamer drifted nine miles on a chest, and was picked up alive at the Cross Rip lightship.

Disgraceful Riot.

Between 700 and 800 of the employees of the Empire Steam Laundry Company, which carries on large establishments in New York and in New Jersey, embarked on a large Sunday morning for an excursion to Linden Grove, Staten Island. When a few miles beyond Elizabeth, N. J., a gang of roughs began to clean out the lunch counter. George Kopf, who was in charge, attempted to protect his wares, but in so doing was badly handled and finally struck upon the head with a beer glass and instantly killed. The crowd then took possession of the bar, and after drinking all they wished, threw overboard forty-five kegs of lager. The captain headed the boat for New York, and desperate fighting and rioting continued until a landing was made. The police arrested John Behan, who is believed to have killed Kopf.

The members of the Senate committee appointed to attend Senator Anthony's funeral are O. H. Platt of Connecticut, George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, William P. Frye of Maine, and Austin F. Pike of New Hampshire. The following have also signified their intention of being present: Geo. F. Edmunds of Vermont, J. S. Morrell of Vermont, Henry L. Dawes of Massachusetts, Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, J. Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, John R. McPherson of New Jersey, Oscar D. Conger of Michigan, James L. Dugay of Alabama, Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, Charles W. Jones of Florida, M. W. Ransom of North Carolina, John T. Morgan of Alabama, Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware, M. C. Butler of South Carolina.

The funeral of Senator Anthony will take place in Providence today at noon. The General Assembly has been invited to attend. Senator Edmunds and a committee of the Senate will be present as well as most of the prominent men of the state. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Augustus Woodward. Gov. Boutin has appointed the following committee to make the arrangements on the part of the State. Senators Wilbur and Baker of North Kingstown; Mr. Speaker Jillson and Messrs. Henry H. Fay, James M. Pendleton, J. C. B. Wood, Wm. A. Harris and Charles Edward Palmer, of the House.

Hon. Charles J. Folger, Secretary of the Treasury, died at his home in New York, Thursday afternoon. His death was sudden and unexpected, and his loss will be great to the country. He was a native of Natick, Mass., where he was born in 1813. He was for many years Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals, and was considered one of the ablest judges ever on the bench. As Secretary of the Treasury he was a careful and faithful officer.

The New York *Herald* has just discovered that the colored people are on the Republic side and are going to support Blaine and Logan. When was there ever a time when the colored people North or South were not on the Republican side? And if the colored vote South could be cast unmolested and counted after it was cast, there would be no question as to the success of the Republican ticket.

The Washington County Agricultural Fair will be held next week Thursday and Friday. This is in many respects the best fair held in the state and the attendance is always large. On Thursday the Hon. Rowland Hazard, president of the society, will deliver the annual address which will be well worth hearing. The steamer *Colus* will carry passengers from Newport for half fare.

The State fair will be held at Narragansett Park, Cranston, commencing Sept. 23 and continuing four days. The State fair is now an established institution and the exhibitions are well worth attending. The fair this year is expected to be the best ever held.

Geo. C. Carr of Jamestown has been elected President of the Ocean Highway Co., in place of Hon. E. N. Cottrell deceased. Dr. Rice of this city has been elected a director of said Company.

Col. A. K. McMahon, assisted by the Department officers, instituted a new Grand Army Post in Woonsocket Monday night, to be called Smith Post No. 9. The new post started with thirty-five members and several applications.

Ex-Governor Van Zandt and wife have returned from their summer sojourn at Atticul Springs. The Ex-Governor will attend the funeral to-day, of his long friend, Henry B. Anthony.

President Arthur will attend the funeral of Senator Anthony to-day and will go from Providence to Geneva, N. Y., to attend the funeral of Secretary Folger.

Newport as an English Town.

(Continued.)

From the Newport Mercury of Aug. 12, 1870.
The public is hereby advised that the drawing of the second class of the market and Graney lottery will certainly commence on Tuesday the 10th inst., the directors and proprietors of Long Wharf having agreed to take the chance of what tickets may then remain on hand, those who decline to be adventurers, may be supplied by the directors.

To be sold by Jeremiah Child, a lusty, strong negro woman, named Bina, who undertakes every kind of household work; with her a male child, above a year old.

From the issue of Aug. 19, 1870.

On Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold at Public Vendue at the wharf of Mr. Peleg Thurston, where the new tea, the shop Dove, burthen about 76 tons, with all her appurtenances, per inventory, to be seen at the place of sale.

Also at the same time and place will be sold two swivel guns, muskets, Blunderbusses and sundry Quincy stores.

From the issue of Aug. 26, 1870.

On Thursday, the 28th inst., were executed agreeable to the sentence of the court of commissioners, Samuel Parks and Benjamin Hawkins, the former about 29, and the latter somewhat above 22 years of age. They were permitted, at their request, to walk to the place of execution, about a mile distance from the prison, where they behaved with great meekness, and died with a fortitude which discovered an uncommon resignation to Divine Providence, doubtless the happy effects of the reasonable and constant advice and admonition of the clergy of the several denominations, who, agreeable to the duties of their sacred functions, very faithfully attended them during their confinement, and at the article of death took leave of them with their fervent prayers, in presence of five or six thousand spectators. Their bodies were deposited at Goat Island, the burying ground for pirates, where, on the 15th of July in the year 1723, Charles Harris and 25 of his crew, taken by the *Black Pearl* of 20 guns, Peter Solgard, commander, and another crew, about 22 years ago, after suffering the just demerits of their crimes were interred.

To be sold a young negro fellow, et quire at the Printing office.

To be sold by Ab'm Sarzedos, by wholesale only, at his store in the house of Mr. James Calhoun, at the crown coffee house, a large assortment of India and English goods.

From the issue of Sept. 6, 1870.

A vessel anchored under Canouan last night from New York, informs us that five French pirates were cruising off the Hook and had taken 20 or 30 sail of vessels, and that a man of war had sailed in quest of them.

Capt. Gray, of the sloop Sarah, arrived here on Friday night from Surinam. On the 23d of August in lat. 33-33 north long. 69-69, he fell in with a French privateer schooner (the same above mentioned) of about 60 tons, with a black hull, full rigged, then mounted with 10 carriage guns, some swivels and manned with near 80 men. When he had the misfortune to fall into her hands she was on her return home, occasioned by the want of water, as he was afterwards informed by Capt. Albers and three of his people, who were taken in a schooner belonging to Philadelphia, bound to the West Indies, which the privateer had in company. Capt. Gray left his mate as a hostage for the ransom of his vessel, who had before the mates of three others on board upon the same account. The enemy sent four prizes to the caps and appeared greatly elated with their present good fortune.

Benjamin Muren offers a reward of two hundred pounds for the discovery of the person or persons who broke into his store on Mr. Calch Gardner's wharf (now occupied by Wm. J. Swinburne), and took from thence a quantity of dry goods, and as it is inspected more than one concerned, if either will discover his accomplice or accomplices he shall have the above reward, and he neither prosecuted or exposed.

To be sold—price four copperas, at the shop joining the Printing office, two letters wrote by Parker; the one a few days before his execution and the other the same day.

To be sold, a likely negro girl about 14 years of age. Enquiry of J. Franklin.

The place of execution was the town beach and that of the interment, a short distance north of the wharf on Goat Island (now Terpold Station), between high and low water marks.

One of these gongs, and probably both, were hung on Gorrell's point.

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From all Parts of the World.

The Wheat Crop.
S. W. Tellmads presents the following figures as the final estimate of the wheat crop in the United States for 1884: Figures based on official reports made within a few days by State agricultural department and statistical agents in the different States and Territories show the total production of winter wheat to be 980,000,000 bushels, and the total spring wheat 150,000,000 bushels. The total winter and spring 630,000,000 bushels. This makes a total yield of the country fully 25,000,000 bushels more than ever before produced, 150,000,000 more than last year's crop, and 80,000,000 more than the average crop for the past five years. Departmental agree in reporting the quality superior, and where it has been thereected they say the yield has more than met their calculations. This applies especially to spring-wheat sections—Iowa, Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The quality of spring wheat was never better. The spring-wheat harvest has been late, but the weather has been most favorable, and the grain is being cared for in excellent condition.

A Fight With Knives.

BANGOR, Me., Sept. 3.—A terrible affair occurred Sunday night, at Portage Lake, near Ashland. Two men, John Frazier and Welch, crazed with liquor, went to the home of Edward Fox, and when requested to leave knocked him senseless. Fox's son came to his rescue, and a terrible fight ensued between him and Frazier, both using knives and slapping each other terribly. Frazier baying his nose cut off in the melee. The arrival of help put an end to the combat. Fox was badly cut in the arm.

Six Thousand Starving Indians.

HELENA, Montana, Sept. 3.—Mail advises report of threatened outbreak of the Indians at the Poplar River Agency in Northwestern Montana. Six thousand Indians stationed there have been for the past year receiving only half rations. They managed to exist by eating their dogs and killing cattle on the ranches. Stock men, for the protection of their herds, withdrew as far as possible from the agency, and this left the Indians with only rations issued by the government. They are hungry and discontented, and will go on the warpath. Major Hatz, commanding at Poplar River, believes an outbreak imminent, and has called for reinforcements.

Death After 48 Days Fast.

READING, Pa., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Washington Keller, who has been fasting for the past forty-eight days, died to-day. She began her fast after reading of Christ's fast in the wilderness.

Escapade at the Reform School.

Mr. James H. Eastman, late of the New Jersey Reform School, assumed the post of Superintendent of the Saksen School for boys (reform school) Monday, Mr. Frank M. Howe retiring. It is said that Mr. Howe's resignation is the result of a difficulty between one of his subordinate officers and Superintendent Charles H. Hunt of the State Institutions. After Mr. Eastman had been presented to the boys in chapel, Mr. Howe and wife left the school, followed by eight other officers, four men and four women, only one efficient officer remaining on duty. One hundred of the 185 inmates made a break and scattered along the road towards the city. Superintendent Hunt, with the assistance of Sergeant Bigbee of the Cranston police, and two citizens, captured sixteen of the boys, and others were brought in by the larger boys, who started out in pursuit of them. It is probable that many more will be arrested by the police as they find their way into the city.

The report of dissensions in the Greeley party while suffering in the frozen North is emphatically denied by all the surviving participants. There has been enough scandal set a going in regard to this expedition; better give the matter a rest for the present.

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